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For Immediate Release:

SEMINARS TO FOCUS ON COMMON SENSE PLANNING FOR MILLENNIUM BUG

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University wants to help folks prepare for the millennium.

The university's School of Adult and Continuing Education will sponsor two seminars for people wondering about the myths and truths behind technical problems associated with the coming of the year 2000.

"Practical Advice for Individuals" will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23. "Practical Advice for Businesses" will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25. Both seminars will take place in the Sullivan Room of Eastern's Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The first seminar will describe the Y2K situation in non-technical terms for participants who want to discover practical and common sense actions which they can

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take in preparation for the "millennium bug." Discussion will include concerns about personal computers, vehicles and finances, including banking accounts.

The second seminar will also describe the Y2K situation in non-technical terms, and participants then will discover practical and common sense actions recommended for small and medium-sized businesses.

Both seminars will be presented by Bill Witsman, director of Information Systems and Services for Eastern.

The registration fee is \$30-per-person when attending one session and \$50-per-person when attending both sessions. Full-time Eastern students may attend for \$20-per-session per-person. The registration fee includes materials and instruction.

Registrations will be accepted until March 18, and will be acknowledged via telephone or letter prior to the program. Cancellations must be received in writing by March 18 to receive a partial refund. People interested can register by fax, (217) 581-7076, or by phone, (217) 581-5116.

For information, contact Eastern's Office of Conferences and Non-Credit Programs at (217) 581-5116.